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About This Guide

Purpose

This guide details the hardware features of the wireless USB adapter, including its physical and performance-related characteristics, and how to install the device and use its configuration software.

Audience

This guide is for PC users with a working knowledge of computers. You should be familiar with Windows operating system concepts.

Conventions

The following conventions are used throughout this guide to show information:

Note: Emphasizes important information or calls your attention to related features or instructions.

Caution: Alerts you to a potential hazard that could cause loss of data, or damage the system or equipment.

Warning: Alerts you to a potential hazard that could cause personal injury.

Related Publications

The following publication gives basic information on how to install and use the wireless USB adapter.

Quick Installation Guide

Also, as part of the the wireless USB adapter's software, there is online help that describes all configuration related features.

Revision History

This section summarizes the changes in each revision of this guide.

October 2007 Revision

This is the first revision of this guide.

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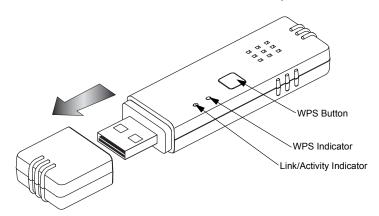
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Chapter 1: Introduction

The SMCWUSBS-N is a Wi-Fi (IEEE 802.11b/g/n) Wireless USB Adapter that enables wireless connectivity for your PC. The device provides a Wi-Fi client solution for PCs using a USB 2.0 interface. The USB adapter also includes a comprehensive configuration, site survey, and profile management utility that can be installed on a Windows 2000, Windows XP or Windows Vista system.



Features

- Wi-Fi compliant with IEEE 802.11n (draft 2.0) and IEEEE 802.11b/g standards
- High-speed connection up to 300 Mbps in 802.11n mode
- · Dynamic data rate scaling from 1 to 300 Mbps
- · Low interference and high susceptibility to guarantee reliable performance
- Support WEP, WPA-PSK, WPA2-PSK security
- · Wi-Fi Protected Setup (WPS), including push button and PIN methods
- · WMM (Wi-Fi Multimedia)
- · Windows 2000. XP and Vista drivers
- WHQL certified
- WLAN site survey and profile management utility
- Infrastructure and Ad-hoc operating modes

System Requirements

Before you install the EZ Connect Wireless USB Adapter, check your system meets the following requirements:

- 2.4 GHz 802.11n (draft 2.0) or 802.11b/g wireless network.
- · Microsoft Windows 2000, XP or Vista.
- · A Notebook or desktop computer with:
 - 300MHz CPU or above.
 - Available USB2.0 port
 - 20MB of available hard disk space
 - CD-ROM drive

Package Checklist

The Wireless USB Adapter package includes these items:

- EZ Connect N Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter (SMCWUSBS-N)
- EZ Installation Wizard & Documentation CD
- Quick Installation Guide.
- · Warranty Information Card

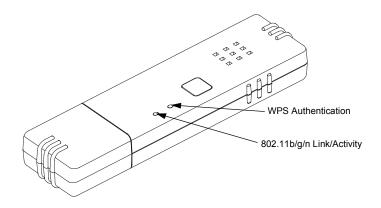
Inform your dealer if there are any incorrect, missing or damaged items. If possible, retain the carton, including the original packing materials. Use them to repack the product in case there is a need to return it.

Hardware Description

SMC's EZ Connect Wireless USB Adapter supports wireless communications at up to 300 Mbps. This adapter operates in the 2.4 GHz band and is fully compliant with IEEE 802.11b/g and 802.11n (draft 2.0). It can be installed in a notebook or desktop PC with a USB port. Support is provided for Windows 2000, Windows XP, and Windows Vista.

LED Indicators

The Wireless USB Adapter includes two status LED indicators, as described in the following figure and table.



| LED | Status | Description |
|-----|-------------------|--|
| WPS | On/Flashing Green | Indicates the WPS button is pressed, and WPS authentication is in progress. |
| | Off | Indicates WPS authentication is not in progress. |
| | | Indicates the power is on, and the 802.11b/g/n radio is enabled. Flashing indicates wireless network activity. |
| | Off | Indicates the power is off, or the 802.11b/g/n radio is disabled. |

WPS Button

Use the WPS button on the Wireless USB Adapter to automatically connect multiple devices to the network. Within two minutes, press the physical or virtual button on wireless client devices to enable them to join the WLAN.

The WPS configuration process may be initiated on any device and there is no restriction to the order in which buttons are pressed.

Any WPS-compatible devices could unintentionally join the WLAN if they are within range during the two-minute set up period after the WPS button is pressed.

For more details about Wi-Fi Protected Setup, please refer to "WPS" on page 3-14.

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Chapter 2: Driver and Utility Installation

The CD-ROM that comes with the package contains the USB driver and software utility for the Wireless USB Adapter. New or updated drivers can be downloaded from SMC's web site at http://www.smc.com.

The installation screens are similar for all Microsoft Windows systems. The installation interface for only Windows XP is shown in this user guide.

To install the Wireless USB Adapter's driver and utilities for Windows 2000, Windows XP or Windows Vista, follow these steps:

Important: Do not plug in the EZ Connect N Wireless USB2.0 Adapter until instructed.

Put the EZ Installation & Documentation CD into your CD-ROM drive. The

CD will auto run.

- 1. Turn on your PC and wait until the Windows system has completely started.
- Load the driver and utility CD that comes with the package. The install program should start automatically.

Click Install Driver and Utility to continue the installation.



Figure 2-1. EZ Connect N CD - Homepage

Note: If the install program does not start automatically, open the folder that displays the CD's contents and find the file "SMCWUSBS_N.exe" in the root directory. Double click the file to start the install program.

Click Next to continue the installation.

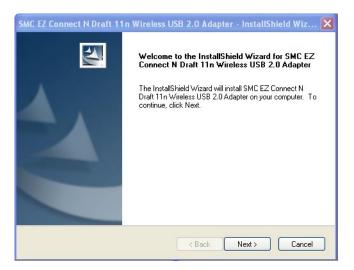


Figure 2-2. EZ Connect N CD - Driver and Utility Installation

4. Wait for the software installation procedure to complete.

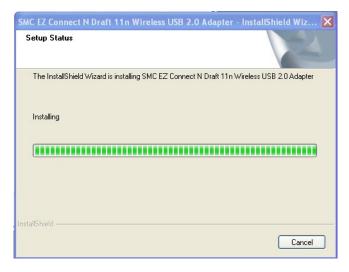


Figure 2-3. EZ Connect N CD - Installation in Progress

5. When the "Installation Complete" message displays, click Finish.



Figure 2-4. EZ Connect N CD - Installation Finished

6. Insert the Wireless USB Apapter in an available USB slot. The new hardware is detected and automatically installed. Now the device is ready to use.



Figure 2-5. Found New Hardware

Driver and Utility Installation

Chapter 3: Configuration

Accessing the EZ Connect Wireless Utility

Once the the SMC EZ Connect Wireless utility installation is complete, the configuration utility can be accessed by selecting the "SMC EZ Connect N Wireless Utility" icon from the "SMC EZ Connect N Wireless Utility" folder.

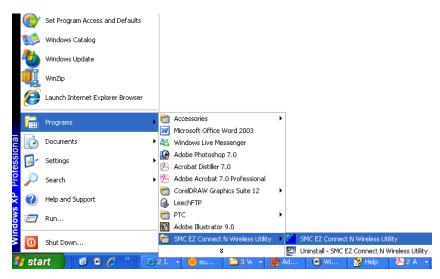


Figure 3-1. Accessing EZ Connect N Wireless Utility

A quick launch icon will appear in the lower right-hand corner of the task bar. When the icon is blue, it indicates that the wireless connection is in progress. When the icon is grey, it indicates no connection.



Figure 3-2. EZ Connect N Wireless Utility Icon

Note: When the utility icon is displayed, it indicates that the Wireless USB Adapter driver is installed properly.

Double-click the icon to open the SMC EZ Connect N Wireless Utility program, providing quick access to the adapter settings.

The utility screens are similar in all Microsoft Windows systems. The interface for Windows XP is described in this user guide.

Wireless Utility Configuration

The SMC EZ Connect Wireless utility screen includes the options in the table below. For details on the configuration for each feature, see the corresponding page number.

| Table 3-1. Utility Configuration Options | | |
|--|--|------|
| Tools | Description | Page |
| Profile | Configures the basic wireless settings for multiple profiles | 3-3 |
| Network | Displays available wireless networks | 3-9 |
| Advanced | Configures the advanced wireless settings | 3-11 |
| Statisics | Displays the detail counter information | 3-12 |
| WMM | Enables Wi-Fi Multimedia (WMM) features | 3-13 |
| WPS | Configures Wi-Fi Protected Setup (WPS) settings | 3-14 |
| Radio On/Off | Switches the radio signal on or off | 3-16 |
| About | Displays software information | 3-16 |
| Help | Launches EZ Connect wireless utility help | 3-17 |

Profile

The profile settings page allows you to set and save different wireless settings. You can activate the suitable profile according to the environment where the wireless connection is used

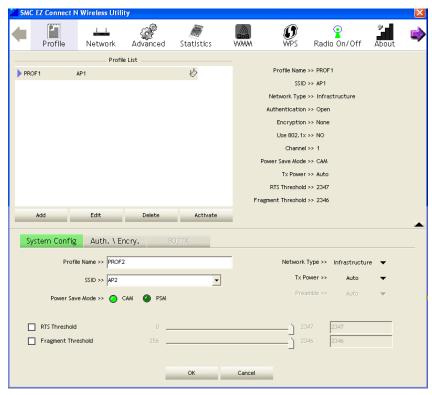


Figure 3-3. Profile - System Configuration

To Add a profile, click the Add button and configure the following displayed items:

System Configure — Configure the wireless network.

- Profile Name The name of the profile. (0-32 ASCII characters and symbols are allowed; no spaces can be used)
- SSID Select the SSID (Service Set Identity) name of the wireless network to which the client will connect.
- **Network Type** The type of wireless network. (Default: Infrasturcture)
 - Ad hoc An ad hoc wireless LAN is a group of computers each with wireless adapters, connected as an independent wireless LAN. Select Ad hoc to associate to a peer computer.

- Infrastructure An integrated wireless and wired LAN is called an Infrastructure configuration. Select Infrastructure to associate to an AP.
- Power Save Mode (available when "Infrastucture" is selected as the network type)
 - Enable or disable the power save operation. (Default: CAM)
 - **CAM** Constantly awake mode, which always keeps the radio on.
 - PSM Power save mode, which turns the radio off when no data is being transferred.
- TX Power The amount of power transmitted by the radio when sending a signal. (Default: Auto)
- **Preamble** (availabe when "Ad hoc" is selected as the network type) Select "Auto" to have the Wireless USB Adapter automatically use short preamble if the clients and access points in your wireless network support this feature, otherwise select "Long". (Default: Auto)
- Channel (only availabe when "Ad hoc" is selected as the network type) The radio channel used to communicate with wireless clients. The channel has to be the same as the peer computer. (Default: 1)
- RTS Threshold Adjust the RTS threshold value by sliding the bar or key in the value directly when the feature is enabled. (Default: Disabled)

Sets the packet size threshold at which a Request to Send (RTS) signal must be sent to a receiving station prior to the sending station starting communications. The Wireless USB Adapter sends RTS frames to a receiving station to negotiate the sending of a data frame. After receiving an RTS frame, the station sends a CTS (clear to send) frame to notify the sending station that it can start sending data.

If the RTS threshold is set to 0, the Wireless USB Adapter always sends RTS signals. If set to 2347, the Wireless USB Adapter never sends RTS signals. If set to any other value, and the packet size equals or exceeds the RTS threshold, the RTS/CTS (Request to Send / Clear to Send) mechanism will be enabled.

Wireless devices contending for the medium may not be aware of each other. The RTS/CTS mechanism can solve this "Hidden Node Problem." (Range: 0-2347 bytes: Default: 2347 bytes)

• Fragment Threshold – Adjust the Fragment threshold value by sliding the bar or key in the value directly when the feature is enabled. (Default: Disabled)

The fragmentation threshold is the minimum packet size that can be fragmented when passing through the adapter. Fragmentation of the PDUs (Package Data Unit) can increase the reliability of transmissions because it increases the probability of a successful transmission due to smaller frame size. If there is significant interference present, or collisions due to high network utilization, try setting the fragment size to send smaller fragments. This will speed up the retransmission of smaller frames. However, it is more efficient to set the fragment size larger if very little or no interference is present because it requires overhead to send multiple frames. (Range: 256-2346 bytes; Default: 2346 bytes)

Click Ok to confirm the configuration or click Cancel to cancel the settings.

 Authentication / Encryption — Configure authentication and encryption to match the security of the wireless network.



Figure 3-4. Profile - Authentication\Encryption

The displayed items on this page can be described as follows:

- Authentication Select the authentication mode. For an infruastructure network, seven modes are supported by the Wireless USB Adapter, including Open, Shared, LEAP, WPA and WPA-PSK, WPA2 and WPA2-PSK. For an ad hoc network, Open, Shared and WPA-None modes are supported.
 - Open Open-system authentication accepts any client attempting to connect to the access point without verifying its identity.
 - Shared The shared-key approach uses Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP) to verify client identity by distributing a shared key to clients before attempting authentication.
 - LEAP The Lightweight Extensible Authentication Protocol (LEAP) is an EAP authentication type used primarily in Cisco Aironet WLANs. It encrypts data transmissions using dynamically generated WEP keys, and supports mutual authentication.

When LEAP is select, input LEAP identity, password, domain name, and select encryption type. Check the Show Password box to display password characters as you type instead of asterisks.

Click OK to confirm the configuration or click Cancel to cancel the settings.

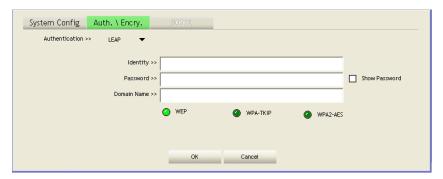


Figure 3-5. Authentication - LEAP

- WPA / WPA-PSK Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA) employs a combination of technologies to provide an enhanced security solution for wireless networks.
 The WPA Pre-shared Key (WPA-PSK) mode for small networks uses a common password phrase that must be manually distributed to all clients that want to connect to the netwok.
- WPA2 / WPA2-PSK WPA2 is a futher security enhancement that includes the now ratified IEEE 802.11i wireless security standard.
- Encryption Configure the encryption. For open and shared authentication mode, the selection options are None and WEP. For WPA, WPA2, WPA-PSK and WPA2-PSK authentication mode, the encryption type supports both TKIP and AES.
 - None No encryption is used.
 - WEP Enables the Wireless USB Adapter to use WEP shared keys. If enabled, you must configure at least one key. Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP) provides a basic level of security, preventing unauthorized access to the network and encrypting data transmitted between wireless clients. WEP uses static shared keys (fixed-length hexadecimal or alphanumeric strings) that are manually distributed to all clients that want to use the network.
 - TKIP Use Temporal Key Integrity Protocol (TKIP) keys for encryption. WPA specifies TKIP as the data encryption method to replace WEP. TKIP avoids the problems of WEP static keys by dynamically changing data encryption keys.
 - AES Use Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) keys for encryption. WPA2 uses AES Counter-Mode encryption with Cipher Block Chaining Message Authentication Code (CBC-MAC) for message integrity. The AES Counter-Mode/CBCMAC Protocol (AES-CCMP) provides extremely robust data confidentiality using a 128-bit key. Use of AES-CCMP encryption is specified as a standard requirement for WPA2. Before implementing WPA2 in the network, be sure client devices are upgraded to WPA2-compliant hardware.
 - Click OK to confirm the configuration or click Cancel to cancel the settings.
- 802.1X Use IEEE 802.1X (802.1X) for user authentication and distributing dynamically generated encryption keys. IEEE 802.1X is a standard framework for

network access control that uses a RADIUS server on the local network for user authentication. The 802.1X standard uses the Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) to pass user credentials (either digital certificates, usernames and passwords, or other) from the client to the RADIUS server.



Figure 3-6. Profile - 802.1X

- EAP Method Select an 802.1X authentication method.
 - PEAP Protected Extensible Authentication Protocol. PEAP transport securely sends authentication data by using tunneling between PEAP clients and an authentication server. PEAP can authenticate wireless LAN clients using only server-side certificates, thus simplifying the implementation and administration of a secure wireless LAN.
 - TLS / Smart Card Transport Layer Security. Provides for certificate-based and mutual authentication of the client and the network. It relies on client-side and server-side certificates to perform authentication and can be used to dynamically generate user-based and session-based WEP keys to secure subsequent communications between the WLAN client and the access point.
 - TTLS Tunneled Transport Layer Security. This security method provides for certificate-based, mutual authentication of the client and network through an encrypted channel. Unlike EAP-TLS, EAP-TTLS requires only server-side certificates.
 - EAP-Fast Flexible Authentication via Secure Tunneling. An authentication method developed by Cisco. Instead of using a certificate, mutual authentication is achieved by means of a PAC (Protected Access Credential) which can be managed dynamically by the authentication server. The PAC can be provisioned (distributed one time) to the client either manually or automatically. Manual provisioning is delivery to the client via disk or a secured network distribution method. Automatic provisioning is an in-band, over the air, distribution. For tunnel authentication, only "Generic Token Card" authentication is supported currently.
 - MD5-Challenge Message Digest Challenge. MD5 is an EAP authentication type that provides base-level EAP support. It provides for only one-way authentication - there is no mutual authentication of wireless client and the network.

- Tunnel Authentication Selects the tunnel authentication protocol. This
 pull-down menu is only available when the authentication type is PEAP or TTLS.
 When EAP-FAST is used, the protocol setting is always Generic Token Card and
 cannot be changed.
 - EAP-MSCHAP v2 This authentication uses a dynamic session-based WEP key derived from the client adapter and RADIUS server to encrypt data.
 - EAP-TLS / SmartCard This authentication type uses a dynamic session-based WEP key derived from the client adapter and RADIUS server to encrypt data. It uses a client certificate for authentication.
 - Generic Token Card This authentication uses a dynamic session-based WEP key derived from the client adapter and RADIUS server to encrypt data.
 - CHAP This authentication uses an MD5 one-way encryption scheme to hash the response to a challenge issued by the authenticator. It requires passwords to be stored in a reversibly encrypted form.
 - MS-CHAP This authentication is similar to CHAP, the main difference is that with MS-CHAP the password only needs to be stored as a MD4 hash instead of a reversibly encrypted form.
 - MS-CHAP-V2 MS-CHAP v2 is similar to MS-CHAP with the difference that the server also authenticates itself with the client.
 - PAP PAP provides a simple method for a remote node to establish its identity using a two-way handshake. A username and password pair is repeatedly sent by the remote node across the link until authentication is acknowledged.
- ID / Password Configures the identity an password for authentication.
 - Authentication ID / Password Identity, password and domain name of the server. Only "EAP-FAST" and "LEAP" authentication require a domain name.
 - Tunnel ID / Password Identity and Password of the authentication server.
- Client Certification Enable client certification.
 - Use Client Certification If PEAP or TTLS is selected as the authentication method, you can use a certificate stored in the local computer. If TLS/Smart Card is used, this box is always checked.
- · Server Certification Enable server certification.
 - User Cerificate Chain Enable the use of certificate chain and select a certification authority (CA) server.
 - Allow Intermediate certificates Enable the use of intermediate certificates.
 - **Sever Name** Input the server name of CA server here.
 - Server Name must match exactly Enable the wireless configuration utility to check that the CA server name setting matches with the connected CA server.
 If not, the connection is dropped.
 - Domain Name must end in specified name Enable the wireless configuration utility to check the end of domain name. If defects are found, the connection is dropped.

Click OK to confirm the configuration or click Cancel to cancel the settings.

Network

The network setting page allows you to set and save different wireless settings. You can activate the suitable profile according to the environment where the wireless connection is used.



Figure 3-7. Network

The displayed items on this page can be described as follows:

Sort by — Indicate that the AP list is sorted by SSID, Channel or Signal.

Show dBm — Show the dBm strength of the received signal.

Rescan — Click the button to scan all channels for nearby wireless networks.

Connect — Click the button to connect the selected network.

Add to Profile — Click the button to add the selected network to the profile setting. The Profile page is displayed for configuration.

| Table 3-2. Icon Indications | | |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Icons | Description | |
| • | Connection is successful | |
| P | Network type is infrastructure mode | |
| 4 | Network type is ad-hoc mode | |
| • | Wireless network is security-enabled | |
| Ь | The network supports 802.11b connections | |

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| Table 3-2. Icon Indications | | |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Icons Description | | |
| g | The network supports 802.11g connections | |
| D | The network supports 802.11n connections | |

You can press the very button on the buttom right corner to display the network status, as shown below.

Note: The maximum transmit link speed of this wireless USB adpater is 150 Mbps and the maximum receive link speed is 300 Mbps.



Figure 3-8. Network Status

You can also double-click one of the access points on the list to display its general, WPS, CCX and 802.11n information, as shown below.

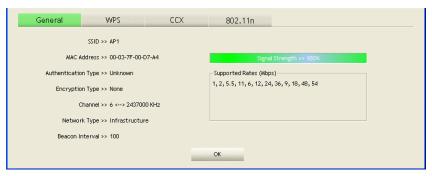


Figure 3-9. Access Point Status

Advanced

The Advanced page allows you to configure extended features for the wireless network.

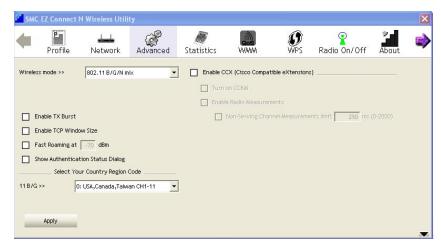


Figure 3-10. Advanced

The displayed items on this page can be described as follows:

Wireless Mode — Select 802.11 B/G/N mix or 802.11 B/G mix as the wireless mode.

Enable TX Burst — Enable the option to accelerate the data transmit rate.

Enable TCP Window Size — Adjust TCP window size automatically for better performance.

Fast Roaming — Enable fast roaming at the specified receive power threshold.

Show Authentication Status Dialog — Display the status of 802.1X authentication.

Enable CCX — Enable Cisco Compatible Extensions function.

- Turn On CCKM Enable Cisco Centralized Key Management to allow fast roaming between CCKM-enable access points.
- Enable Radio Measurements Improve wireless connectivity when connecting to CCX-compatible access point.
 - Non-Serving Channel Measurements limit Check the option to enable measurement on unused radio channels and set the time limit for the measurement. (Default: 250ms)

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Country Region Code — Select the country in which the device is being used. Setting the country code restricts operation of the device to radio channels and transmit power levels permitted for wireless networks as specified by the local regulatory authority

Statistics

The statistics page displays the connected-related statistics with detail counter information. Click Reset Counter to reset all the items back to 0

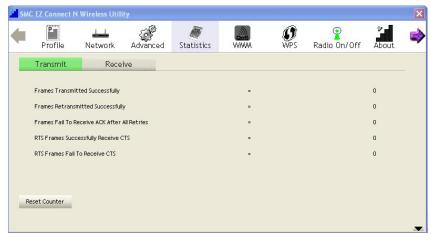


Figure 3-11. Statistics

WMM

Wi-Fi Multimedia (WMM), also known as Wireless Multimedia Extensions (WME), is a Wi-Fi Alliance interoperability certification. It provides basic Quality of Service (QoS) features for IEEE 802.11 wireless networks.

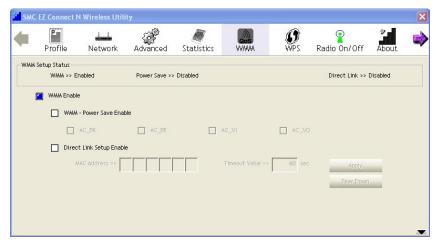


Figure 3-12. WMM

The displayed items on this page can be described as follows:

WMM Enable — Enable WMM function.

- WMM Power Save Enable Enable the power save mode.
 - AC BK Background / low priority
 - AC BE Best effort
 - AC_VI Video first
 - AC VO Voice first
- Direct Link Setup Enable Enable DLS (Direct Link Setup) function.
 - MAC Address MAC address of another WMM-enabled wireless device that has a direct link to this Wireless USB Adapter.
 - Timeout Value Set the time period before automatically disconnecting the WMM-enabled wireless device. If the value is zero, the link is always connected. (Default: 60 seconds; Range: 0-65535)
 - Tear Down Select the device that you want to remove from DLS table and click this button.

WPS

Wi-Fi Protected Setup (WPS) is based on push-button or PIN (Personal Identification Number) entry authentication to provide strong WPA/WPA2 encryption keys to client devices. Users can push a button on the access point and the client device to exchange the encryption key. With a PIN, users can enter a code generated by the client device to connect to the network.

WPS Setup - PBC (Push-button Configuration)

- Push the WPS button on your wireless access point or start WPS standby mode as instructed by the wireless access point's user manual.
- Before you start to establish the wireless connection using WPS, define the Wireless USB Adpater as a WPS "Enrollee" or a "Registrar" by selecting the Config Mode options.
 - Enrollee An enrollee is the device being added to the network. If the Wireless USB Adapter is set as an enrollee, click the Rescan button on the utility WPS setup page to search for WPS-enabled access points near you. All access points found will be displayed in the WPS AP List. Select an access point on the list and click the Connect button to activate the connection. You can also click the Information button to see the detailed information about the selected access point.

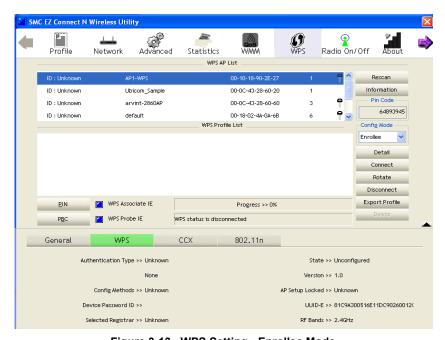


Figure 3-13. WPS Setting - Enrollee Mode

- Registrar A registrar is the network enrollment center.
 If the Wireless USB Adapter is set as a registrar, click the Rescan button on the utility WPS setup page to search for WPS-enabled wireless devices near you.
 All enrollees found will be displayed in the WPS Profile List. Select an enrollee on the list and click the Connect button to activate the connection.
- Press the physical button on the Wireless USB Adapter or click PBC button on this utility page to start to establish a wireless connection (this may require several seconds to one minute to complete).
- **Notes: 1.** If WPS fails, click the PBC button few more times to try again.
 - When an access point or a WPS enrollee is connected, you can click Disconnect to disconnect from the connected device, or select another WPS-enabled wireless access point or enrollee, then click Connect to establish connection
 - You can also click the Rotate button to select the next access point or enrollee in the list and establish a connection.
 - 4. To delete an access point from the list, click Delete.

WPS Setup - PIN Configuration

The WPS PIN (Personal Identification Number) setup is optional to the WPS button setup. It is more secure than using the WPS button. All WPS-compatible devices have their own PIN number.

- When the Wireless USB Adapter is set as an enrollee, the PIN number of your Wireless USB Adapter is an eight-digit number located at the upper-right position of configuration utility. Remember this number and input it to your wireless access point as the WPS PIN code. Please also refer to the user manual of your wireless access point for instructions about WPS setup.
 - Click PIN button and wait for few seconds to one minute. If a wireless access point with correct PIN code is found, you will be connected to that access point.
- Note: You may have to click PIN for few more times to try again. If you still cannot connect to an access point this way, please make sure the PIN code you provided to access point is correct.
- When the Wireless USB Adapter is set as a registrar, input the enrollee's PIN number to the Pin Code box located in the upper-right position of configuration utility.
 - Click PIN button and wait for few seconds to one minute. If a WPS enrollee with correct PIN code is found, it will be connected to the Wireless USB Adapter.

Radio Setting

Press the Radio On/Off icon to disable or enable the radio signal connection.

About

The about page displays the information about version numbers of the configuration utility, firmware and other information of the device. Click the WWW.SMC.COM button to visit the SMC website for other information.

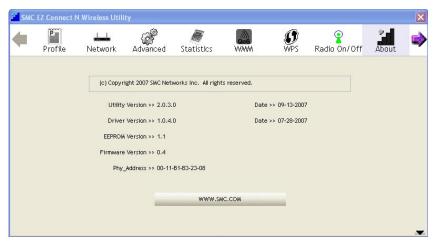


Figure 3-14. About Information Display

Help

The help page provides detailed information about each setting of the EZ Connect utility. Click the contents on the left screen and view the information on the right screen.

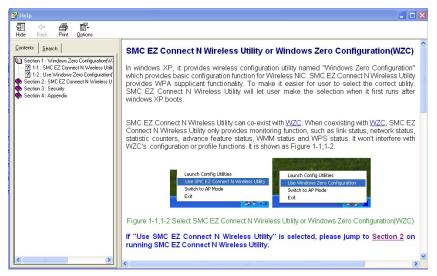


Figure 3-1. Help Screen Display

Configuration

Chapter 4: Network Planning

SMC's EZ Connect Wireless Solution supports a stand-alone wireless network configuration, as well as an integrated configuration with Ethernet LANs.

The SMCWUSBS-N wireless USB adapter can be configured as:

- · Ad hoc for small peer-to-peer networks with other wireless devices
- Infrastructure for a wireless extension to an existing wired LAN through an access point

Network Topologies

Ad Hoc Wireless LAN

An ad hoc wireless LAN consists of a group of computers, each equipped with a wireless adapter, connected via radio signals as an independent wireless LAN.

Computers in a specific ad hoc wireless LAN must be configured to the same radio channel.

An ad hoc wireless LAN can be used for a small branch office or SOHO operation.



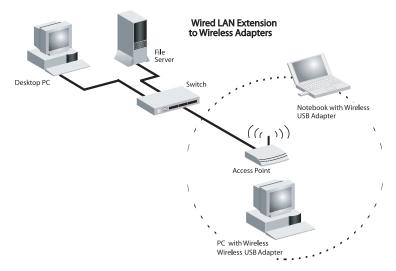
Infrastructure Wireless LAN

The SMCWUSBS-N can also provide access to a wired LAN for wireless workstations. An integrated wired and wireless LAN is called an Infrastructure configuration. A Basic Service Set (BSS) consists of a group of wireless PC users, and an access point that is directly connected to the wired LAN. Each wireless PC in this BSS can communicate with to any computer in its wireless group via a radio link, or access other computers or network resources in the wired LAN infrastructure via an access point.

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The infrastructure configuration not only extends the accessibility of wireless PCs to the wired LAN, but also increases the effective wireless transmission range for wireless PCs by passing their signal through one or more access points.

A wireless infrastructure can be used for access to a central database, or for connection between mobile workers, as shown in the following figure.



Chapter 5: AP Mode Configuration

The USB Adapter's utility can extend the functionality of the device by adding an Access Point (AP) mode to its normal client capabilities.

In AP mode, the USB Adapter operates as a "Soft AP." The Soft AP feature creates a Wireless LAN to Ethernet bridge using the host PC's existing Ethernet port. When the host PC is connected to an Internet connection, the Soft AP uses Windows Internet Connection Sharing (ICS) so that all associated wireless clients can share that connection.

Switching to AP Mode

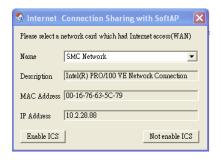
Click the SMC EZ Connect Wireless utility icon with the right mouse button and then select "Switch to AP Mode."



A quick launch icon will appear in the lower right-hand corner of the task bar.



An Internet connection screen appears after switching to AP mode. Select a network and click the Enable ICS button to use Windows Internet Connection Sharing (ICS) and start the the Soft AP utility configuration.



Double-click the quick launch icon to open the Soft AP utility configuration for the next time.

The utility screens are similar in all Microsoft Windows systems. The interface for Windows XP is described in this user guide.

AP Mode Utility Configuration

The Soft AP utility screen includes the options in the table below. For details on the configuration for each feature, see the corresponding page number.

| Table 5-1. Utility Configuration Options | | | | |
|--|--|------|--|--|
| Tools | Description | Page | | |
| Config | Configures the basic wireless settings for multiple profiles | 5-3 | | |
| Access Control | ontrol Controls the MAC address connected to the AP | | | |
| Mac Table | Displays current link information | 5-7 | | |
| Event Log | Displays the messages generated during the operation | 5-8 | | |
| Statistics | Displays the detail counter information | 5-9 | | |
| About | Displays software information | 5-10 | | |
| Help | Launches Soft AP utility help | 5-11 | | |

Configuration

The configuration page allows you to set parameters for the wireless network.

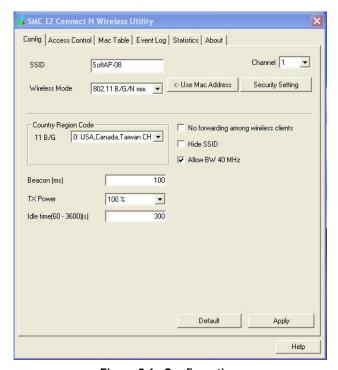


Figure 5-1. Configuration

The displayed items on this page can be described as follows:

SSID — The service set identifier for this access point.

Wireless Mode — Selects the wireless mode.

- 802.11 B/G Mixed Clients can transfer data at both 802.11b and 802.11g standard rates to communicate with the access point.
- **802.11 B Only** Clients can only transfer data at 802.11b standard rates to communicate with the access point.
- 802.11 G Only Clients can only transfer data at 802.11g standard rates to communicate with the access point
- 802.11 B/G/N mix Clients can transfer data at 802.11b, 802.11g and 802.11n standard rates to communicate with the access point

Channel — The radio channel used to communicate with wireless clients.

Use Mac Address — Click the button to display the physical layer address of the access point.

Security Setting — Configure the authentication and encryption.

- Authentication Type Selects the wireless security mechanism for the network.
 - Open Accepts any client attempting to connect to the access point without verifying its identity.
 - Shared Uses Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP) to verify client identity by distributing a shared key to clients.
 - WPA-PSK Use pre-shared key authentication for WPA-compliant clients.
 - **WPA2-PSK** Use pre-shared key authentication for WPA2-compliant clients.
 - WPA-PSK / WPA2-PSK Use pre-shared key authentication for WPA- and WPA2-compliant clients when they coexist in the same network.
- Encryption Type Selects the encryption cipher to use for multicast and unicast data traffic.
 - **Not Use** No encryption is used.
 - WEP Uses WEP shared keys.
 - TKIP Uses TKIP keys for both multicast and unicast encryption...
 - AES Uses AES keys for both multicast and unicast encryption.
 - Both Uses TKIP for the multicast cipher and TKIP or AES for the unicast cipher depending on the capability of associated clients.
- Pre-shared Key Enter a key as an easy-to-remember form of letters and numbers. The key must be from 8 to 32 characters, which can include spaces. All wireless clients must be configured with the same key to communicate with the access point.
- Group Rekey Interval Enter the group key renewal time. This feature is only avaliable when WPA-PSK encryption is used.
- WEP Key Only avaliable when WEP encryption is selected. Standard keys are
 either 5 or 13 alpanumeric characters; or 10 or 32 hexadecimal digits. Check the
 Show Password box to display password characters as you type instead of
 asterisks.

Click OK to confirm the configuration or click Cancel to cancel the settings.

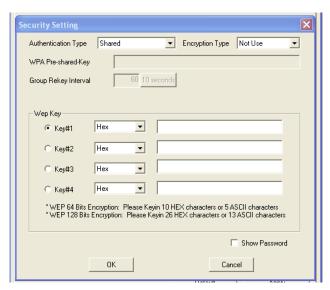


Figure 5-2. Configuration - Security Setting

Country Region Code — Select the country region where the access point is in operation.

| Table 5-2. Country Channel List | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--|--|--|--|
| Classification | Range | | | | |
| 0: USA, Canada, Taiwan | CH 1 ~ CH 11 | | | | |
| 1: Europe | CH 1 ~ CH 13 | | | | |
| 2: Spain | CH 10 ~ CH 11 | | | | |
| 3: France | CH 10 ~ CH 13 | | | | |
| 4: Japan (MKK) | CH 14 | | | | |
| 5: Japan (TELEC) | CH 1 ~ CH 14 | | | | |
| 6: ISRAEL | CH 3 ~ CH 9 | | | | |
| 7: ISRAEL | CH 5 ~ CH 13 | | | | |

Beacon (ms) — Set the time invterval between two beacons. (Default: 100ms)

TX Power — Set the access point transmit power. (Default: 100%)

Idle time — Set the idle time. (Default: 300s)

No forwarding among wireless clients — Check the box to prevent traffic being forwarded among the wireless clients.

Hide SSID — Check the box to hide the access point SSID.

Allow BW 40 MHz — Enable double-width 40 MHz channels for extra throughput.

Access Control

The access control page allows you to restrict the MAC address connected to this AP.

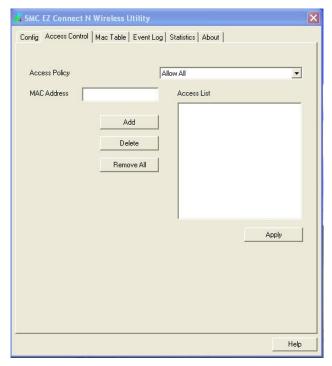


Figure 5-3. Access Control

The displayed items on this page can be described as follows:

Access Policy — Select a policy for access control. (Default: Disable)

- · Disable Disable the feature.
- Allow All Allow the access for the listed MAC addresses.
- Reject All Deny the access for the listed MAC addresses.

Mac Address — Input the MAC address applied this feature.

Add — Click Add to add the MAC adress to the Access List.

Delete — To delete a MAC address from the list, click Delete.

Remove All — Click Remove All to delete all the MAC addresses from the list.

Apply — Click Apply to apply the above changes.

MAC Table

The MAC table page displays the current station link information.

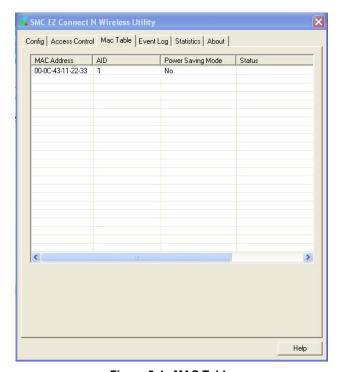


Figure 5-4. MAC Table

The displayed items on this page can be described as follows:

MAC Address — The MAC addresses of the connected stations.

AID — Raise value by the current wireless connection.

Power Saving Mode — The power saving status of the connected station.

Event Log

The event log page displays system messages generated during system operation. The logged messages can serve as a valuable tool for isolating Wireless USB Adapter and network problems.

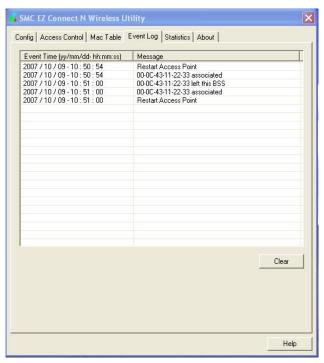


Figure 5-5. Event Log

Statistics

The statistics page displays the connected-related statistics with detail counter information. Click Reset Counters to reset all the items back to 0.

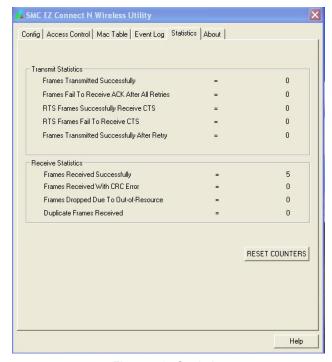


Figure 5-6. Statistics

About

The about page displays the information about version numbers of the configuration utility, firmware and other information of the device. Click the WWW.SMC.COM button to visit the SMC website for other information.

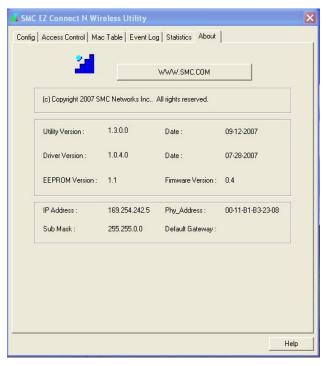


Figure 5-7. About Information Display

Help

The help page provides detailed information about each setting of the Soft AP utility. Click one of the headings to view the information.

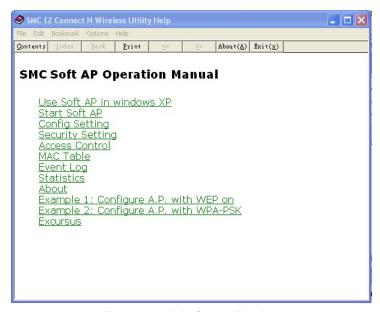


Figure 5-8. Help Screen Display

If you want to switch the device back to the station mode, click the Soft AP utility icon with the right button of the mouse and then select Switch to Station Mode.



Appendix A: Troubleshooting

USB Adapter Installation Problems

If your computer cannot find the EZ Connect Wireless USB Adapter or the network driver does not install correctly, check the following items:

- Make sure the adapter is connected to the USB port. Check for any hardware problems, such as physical damage to the adapter's connector.
- Try the adapter in another USB port. If this also fails, try using another SMCWUSBS-N wireless adapter that is known to operate correctly.
- Check for a defective computer or USB port by trying the adapter in another computer that is known to operate correctly.

Network Connection Problems

If the Link/Activity LED on the USB adapter is not lit, or if you cannot access network resources from the computer, check the following:

- · Make sure the correct software driver is installed. Try reinstalling the driver.
- Make sure the computer and other network devices are receiving power.
- The access point you want to connect to may not be functioning correctly. Try using another access point.
- If you cannot access a Windows service on the network, check that you have enabled and configured the service correctly. If you cannot connect to a particular server, be sure that you have access rights and a valid ID and password.
- If you cannot access the Internet, be sure you have currently configured your system for TCP/IP.

If your wireless station cannot communicate with a computer on the Ethernet LAN when configured for Infrastructure mode, check the following:

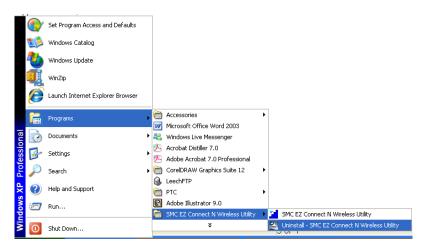
- Make sure the access point that the station is associated with is powered on.
- Check that the wireless settings (i.e., security, SSID, Channel) match the access point or other stations to which you are attempting to connect.
- If you still cannot connect, change the access point and all the stations within the BSS to another radio channel

Uninstalling the Utility

If you are having problems with the utility, you may need to uninstall the software from the system.

Follow these steps:

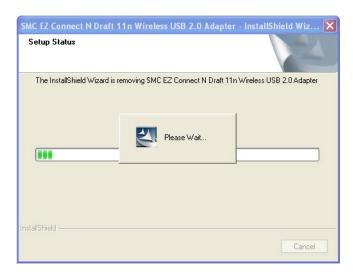
 From the Windows Start menu, find the SMC EZ Connect N Utility uninstall option. Click to start the uninstall process.



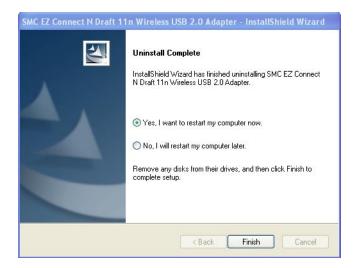
Click Yes to uninstall the utility.



3. Uninstallation begins.



4. When the uninstall is complete, click Finish to exit.



Troubleshooting

Appendix B: Specifications

Interface

USB version 2.0 compliant

Power

+5V DC, 0.5A over USB connection

Radio Specifications

IEEE 802.11n (draft 2.0)

IEEE 802.11b/g

Frequency

North America: 2.412 - 2.462 GHz

Japan: 2.412 - 2.472 GHz Europe: 2.412 - 2.472 GHz

Operating Channels

North America

Certification: FCC; Channel: 11

Japan

Certification: JTAC; Channel: 14

Europe

Certification: ETSI; Channel: 13

Data Rate Shifting

1, 2, 5.5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48, 54 Mbps 802.11n (draft 2.0) offering up to 300 Mbps

Antennas

Two internal 2 dBi antennas Frequency Range: 2.4 - 2.5 GHz

Gain: 0 - 1 dBi VSWR: 2.0 Max Polarization: Linear Impedance: 50 Ohm

LED Indicators

Link/Activity, WPS

TX Output Power (Typical)

11b 17.5 +/- 1 dBm

11g 14.5 +/- 1 dBm@54Mbps

11n 14.5 +/- 1 dBm

Rx Sensitivity (Typical)

-86 dBm @ 11 Mbps

-72 dBm @ 54 Mbps

-70 dBm @ 64-QAM, 20MHz channel spacing

-65 dBm @ 64-QAM, 40MHz channel spacing

Specifications

Physical Size

82 x 26 x 11 mm (3.23 x 1.02 x 0.43 in.)

Weight

16 g (0.56 oz)

Temperature

Operating: -10 to 50 °C (14 to 122 °F)

Humidity

5% to 90%

EMC

FCC: Part15 subpart C

IC: RSS-210 CE: EN300328 NCC: LP0002 C-Tick

Radio

FCC: Part15 subpart B

IC: CES-003

CE: EN301489-1/-17

Safety

CE: EN60950-1



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